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OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

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1. (Confidential - LLM) Called Mr. J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, STATOTHR Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, and in response to his inquiry of 25 March 1971, told him that our people felt that [redacted] would react in a positive fashion to a letter from Sourwine. Mr. Sourwine thanked us for the evaluation and said he would send a letter to [redacted] STATOTHR today.

2. (Confidential - GLC) Talked with J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, about his query on the Evans and Novak column on Mexico (see Journal of 25 March 1971). I told Sourwine I had talked this over with our people and it was their feeling that as long as the Mexicans were handling the situation so well on their own it would seem best if the U.S., especially the U.S. Government, stayed out of it. I told Sourwine that it might be useful for the Subcommittee to tell the whole story when it was all over. Sourwine said he would accept our judgment on this and asked if we would have our people make a tickler to consider the matter again at an appropriate time in the future. I told him I would do this.

3. (Unclassified - GLC) Mr. Joseph Ross, in the Legislative Section, Department of Justice, called in response to my call Friday to Mr. Durham about Representative Edward Koch's (D., N.Y.) queries to departments and agencies on personal files. Ross said the FBI has received a separate query from Koch and is responding to the effect that their files are not available for personal inspection by the individual concerned. As far as Justice is concerned, Ross said his present information is that Justice has no personal files as such although they are still checking on this.

4. (Unclassified - GLC) Mr. Houston reported on a conversation with Fred Buzhardt, General Counsel, Department of Defense, on the Koch letter issue. The consensus is that the Agency can give Koch a straightforward answer to his letter.

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